



The Blurb



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***The Board meets on February 3rd,
The General Membership Meeting Is on the 10th at Giant in Willow Grove***



February has an extra day this year, what are you going to do with all that time?

Inside – shack pictures of the month – WU3I

Kay Craigie, N3KN, stepping down, see page 7

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		Sunday Morning Net Schedules • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater	
Committees Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV Field Day: KC2PMW Fusion Coord: NC3U	Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: K3HWG Net Control: KB3IV	Program: W3AOK Publicity: W3RM Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK	Scholarship: W3RM Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW

All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:00 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd, Willow Grove, PA
 Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**
 Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
 Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
 Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

The Officers

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont-

Happy winter Phil-Mont.

I am happy to report that I am out of the hospital and recovering from my surgery. The good news is that the Thymoma they removed from my chest was benign and the doctors say all is going good. I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, cards and prayers. They mean more to me than you know.

The Annual Phil-Mont Auction was held on January 14 and was well attended. It was nice to see some old faces that we have not seen in a while as well as some new ones which I hope we will continue to see in the months ahead. The auction was fun and a success as the treasurer will report later. I would like to thank the following members, "Auction Team," for the GREAT JOB they did to make the evening a success. Our Auctioneer Ed, KB3IV did a great job behind the mic and keeping the evening moving and entertaining as well as Steve WU3I, Bob KB2ERL for keeping all the paperwork and finances straight.

As President I have the responsibility to appoint a Board Member and I have asked my appointee from last year Al W3STW to fill that position on the board and he has graciously accepted. Thank you Al and we will all benefit from your knowledge and wisdom.

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As of this writing we are bracing for our FIRST winter storm of the year to come this weekend. Some reports are for two feet of snow so let's hope they are wrong. In any event be prepared and be careful!!! Right now as I send this to the editor there are at least 12 inches here.

I will be heading off to my annual pilgrimage to Florida next weekend for the months of February and March. Bill W3AOK will be taking my duties while I am away. I will have some radios with me as well as my remote set up so I should be able to check into some of the nets.

Don't forget to order your Phil-Mont jackets and hat. Some of the guys had theirs on display at the auction and they really look great. I am waiting for mine to arrive any day now. Any questions please contact Bill K3HWG for more information.

Our speaker for the February meeting will be Jim KC3BRA talking about the Wires X system. I have Eastern PA Asst. Section Mgr Tom Mills, AF4NC, lined up for our March meeting to talk about QSL'ing and QSL cards and Barry K3EUI is tentatively scheduled for April or May to talk about the PC Audio Scope. A lot of interesting programs coming up for Phil-Mont in the months ahead so please plan to attend and of course bring a friend.

If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

Don't forget to sign up for the Phil-Mont Yahoo Group. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal. Everybody stay warm and we will talk to you from Florida...

Thank you for your support.

73, Greg WA3GM



***Thursday evening session is on
the 25th this month.***

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Barry Feierman K3EUI
James Weiler AB3OM
- 05 Michael Concordia WB3KAC
- 10 Sharon Masarsky N3GLU
- 17 Samuel Smith K3GBA
James Fisher KC3BRA
- 23 Stephen Victor WA2DTW
Gene Dinardi N3XKE
- 24 Larry Pollack N3VLC
Carmen Decicco KE3QB

MEMBERSHIP STATS
At press time P.M.R.C. has:
109 FULL PAID MEMBERS
11 FAMILY MEMBERS
2 YOUTH MEMBERS
1 HONORARY MEMBER
2 PENDING

From the Secretary Board of Directors Meeting 1/6/2016

WA3GM opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. In attendance were W3AOK, WU3I, W3STW, WA3KIO, ND3B and K3HWG.

Treasurers report was given in the absence of KB3IV(port 4) by WA3GM as told by KB3IV. Motion to accept report by W3AOK seconded by K3HWG.

Tech/Report: All OK 147.165 on fulltime Digital with a WIRES X connection from KC3BRA. There is no PL on 2M for now this was the failure one net day last month.

Membership: there were no applications this month.

BLURB: NO ELEVATOR FOR YOU! (With thanks to the Soup Nazi. If you have to ask you did not watch Seinfeld)

OLD BUSINESS
ARRL bus trip Continued more info needed and possible Club Subsidy.

Website needs attention. We need to hear from any member with the ability to do this work.

NEW BUSINESS
WA3GM appointed W3STW Director for 2016.

K3HWG made the motion to close at 7:37 W3STW Seconded. Motion Passed

General Meeting 1/14/2016

Meeting Opened at 7:18 PM by WA3GM. Lots of guests and members in attendance.

Treasurer reported we still have money after his trip to Florida. Dues Are Due!!!

W3AOK Reported that 147.165 is on full time digital with a WIRES X connection from

KC3BRA. The Output is 5 watts for now with an amp in the future when the connection parts arrive.

Jackets there was a Mini Fashion Show of the **NEW PHILMONT JACKETS AND HATS AND SHIRTS.** They look great and we hope to see more and more at club events in the future.

ND3B reported all is well with the BLURB Keep those articles and Station Pictures coming

KB3IV reminded there are 2 Fusion radios to be loaned by the club. W3RW has the Mobile Radio this month and the HT is Available. Contact KB3IV.

The Auction was then handled by KB3IV and WU3I. All who attended had a fun time.

Respectfully Submitted ***Stephen Hoch WU3I***



Poconos shack

Here's where you'll find Steve, WU3I...



Home operating position



Mobile station

**Wow, he just can't get away from the radio!
Thanks Steve!**

***Send pictures of your shack to be included
in an upcoming Blurb!***

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Your 2016 Dues Invoice/Directory Information Sheet was sent to you in a separate mailing. Please verify the information and return it with your dues & optional P.M.R.C. SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION to: PMRC PO Box 404 Warminster, Pa 18974..Your early reply will save the club additional expenses and will speed-up the publishing of the 2016 P.M.R.C. Directory.

**The following radio amateurs have applied for PhilMont membership:**

Mark J. Wallin W3MJW
Philadelphia, Pa 19114
General Class
Occupation - Retired

E. Michael Elmaleh K3HIJ
Jenkintown, Pa 19046
Technician Class
Occupation - Retired Computer Analyst

***The usual suspects turned out on a beautiful January night for the annual AuctionFest!***

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, Concluding Nearly 3 Decades as a League Official

Now completing her third term, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will be handing off the baton this week. The ARRL Board of Directors will elect her successor when it meets January 15-16. President Craigie said it was her privilege to serve during the ARRL Centennial in 2014 and to help usher in Amateur Radio's second century.

"The operating events, the convention, the whole year!" she said. "To be ARRL President during this celebration was my great good luck, and I'll never forget all the members who told me how much they appreciate what the ARRL does for them and Amateur Radio."

President Craigie was first elected as a volunteer League official in 1986, when she became the ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager. The ARRL Board of Directors chose her as the League's 15th president in January 2010.

President Craigie said she also was proud to represent the ARRL at international conferences and events during her time at the League's helm. "As President I represented the ARRL at the Radio Society of Great Britain's 100th anniversary observance, led the ARRL delegation at two International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 conferences, and was part of ARRL teams at Friedrichshafen and Tokyo," she said.

She also attended part of World Radiocommunication Conference 2012 as an observer. "For years, I have heard about the work done by IARU volunteers and the hams serving on their national delegations at the WRCs," she said, "but until I saw their efforts firsthand, I really didn't comprehend exactly how hard and how well they work together to protect and advance Amateur Radio for the rest of us."

President Craigie said she was happy to sign the first formal agreement between the ARRL and the

Boy Scouts of America. "One of my best friends in Amateur Radio got his start as a Scout," she noted, adding that she hopes the agreement will lead to welcoming "even more talented young people into our ranks."

During her tenure as the League's President, she also has been deeply involved in efforts to achieve "reasonable

accommodation" for all US hams, regardless zoning and land-use regulation, and especially the current [Amateur Radio Parity Act](#) campaign, which now has attracted 116 cosponsors in the US House and three in the US Senate. "We are today in a much better position than we've ever been before," President Craigie said, "and I am certain that the ARRL's leadership and membership will continue to press this essential issue until the job is done."

President Craigie said she finds Amateur Radio still relevant, even in an era when technology seems to be advancing at lightning speed. "University students in scientific and technical programs get the point of Amateur Radio and see how it fits with their career plans and their talents," she said, adding that she has seen this firsthand in her community of Blacksburg, Virginia, the home of Virginia Tech. "Very bright students are not just getting licensed but are getting active."

"These are the young people who will drive Amateur Radio technology into the future, and their energy and intelligence make me absolutely reject the idea that Amateur Radio is irrelevant and on its way out," the ARRL President said.

Kay was a former Phil-Mont member and was involved in our early VE Testing at the Franklin Institute. She also spent a lot of time at our club station, W3TKQ/W3AA, as a volunteer operator.



February at Phil-Mont

2 Tue Groundhog Day
3 Wed Board Meeting
7 Sun K3XS
9 Tues Mardi Gras
10 Wed General Club Meeting
14 Sun W3MHP
15 Mon President's Day
21 Sun KC3DII
25 Thu VE session
28 Sun KB3SJS
29 Leap Day!

***Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and
the Digital net on Tuesday nights.***

For Sale

***1/8" (290#) & 3/16" (380#) Dark Olive Drab
Braided Cord · 100% Polyester/Dacron Knit
Braided. Nice stuff! Tough and long lasting · UV
Resistant and Low Stretch Proudly Made in the
U.S.A.! Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or
215-605-6074***

DRAKE L-4B Amp with a PS 4 Power Supply
with Harbach Mods \$925.00

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